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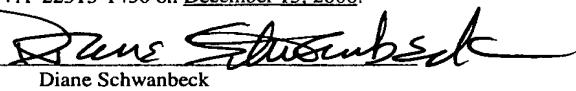
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ELECTION OF CLAIMS FOR PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-8 (the Group I claims) for prosecution on the merits.

If any fees are due to effect consideration of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP047).

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